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TO AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN PROCURING SECURITY
BOOKLET

REF: KINGSTON 5528

1. DEPT HAS OBTAINED THE BOOKLET "HOME SECURITY STARTS AT
YOUR DOOR" FROM NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS (NBS) IN
WASHINGTON AND POUCHED ONE COPY TO EMBASSY FOR EVALUATION.

2. WE HAVE SERIOUS RESERVATIONS REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION
IN JAMAICA OF 50,000 COPIES OF A US GOVT PUBLICATION ON
SECURITY PROBLEMS. GIVEN THE HISTORY OF DESTABILIZATION
CHARGES AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS CONCERNING SUCH ROUTINE
ACTIONS AS APPROVAL OF A POST ALLOWANCE FOR KINGSTON,
THIS PROPOSAL WOULD SEEM TO OFFER NEW AMMUNITION TO THOSE
PREDISPOSED TO LEVEL CHARGES AGAINST US. OUR OWN EVALUA-
TION OF BOOKLET IS THAT IT IS OF MARGINAL UTILITY IN ANY
CASE.

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3. WE ARE INCLINED TO ENCOURAGE KIWANIS TO LOOK ELSEWHERE
FOR SECURITY-RELATED MATERIALS. IF THEY WISH TO GO AHEAD,
HOWEVER, THEY MAY ORDER BOOKLET DIRECTLY FROM NBS WASHING-
TON. USG IS NOT ABLE TO OFFSET COSTS, FOR EXAMPLE BY
PAYING FREIGHT OR SHIPPING BY POUCH. COST FOR QUANTITY
INDICATED IS APPROXIMATELY DOLS 3,000 FOB WASHINGTON.

4. NBS HAS MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF FURNISHING BLACK-AND-WHITE NEGATIVES FOR LOCAL PRINTING, WHICH WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE COST BUT WOULD STILL LEAVE USG IN POSITION OF HAVING ASSISTED IN WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIAL WHICH COULD BE INTERPRETED AS SHOWING LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN GOJ. IF AFTER REVIEWING BOOKLET EMBASSY FEELS THERE ARE GOOD REASONS TO ASSIST KIWANIS AND NO RISK OF MISUNDERSTANDING, DEPT WOULD BE WILLING TO RECONSIDER PROPOSAL.
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